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Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2007/269 of 27 July 2007 and taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

(a) Decides to invite the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to consult with relevant United Nations entities on the implementation of and follow-up to Council resolutions 2001/39 of 26 July 2007 and 2004/9 of 21 July 2004, the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights,[2] the International Declaration on Human Genetic Data, the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights and other norms and instruments adopted within the United Nations system that are relevant to genetic privacy and non-discrimination, and on a possible inter-agency coordination mechanism;

(b) Also decides to invite the Director-General to report to the Council on relevant developments in the field of genetic privacy and non-discrimination at its substantive session of 2010 and on a possible inter-agency coordination mechanism, in consultation with and taking into account the views of Member States.

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[1] E/2008/51.

[2] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-ninth Session, Paris, 21 October-12 November*, vol. 1: *Resolutions*, resolution 16.

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